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Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF Mr. W. KERFOOT HUGHES in our FIRM CRAWFORD & Co. on the 31st December last. The Business will be carried on, under the name Style, by Mr. WILLIAM LEGGIE and Mr. EDWARD JONES HUGHES.

HONGKONG, January 14, 1882.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed Agents for the MITSU RUSSAN KAISEI, of Tokio, at this Port.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

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TO LET.

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Hongkong, February 15, 1882.

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A Large Assortment of GENTLEMEN'S and LADIES' TENNIS SHOES.
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AT MODERATE PRICES.
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HONGKONG, February 22, 1882. mr5

FOR SALE—JUST RECEIVED.

BEST INDIAN SILVER JEWELLERY, of various kinds.
INDIAN CASHMERE SHAWLS.
SMOKING CAPS.
RUMPOOREE CHUDERS, and CASHMERE CLOTH, assorted, for LADIES' DRESSES.

AT MODERATE PRICES.
N. M. KHAMISA,
8 and 10, Ped Street.

HONGKONG, January 28, 1882.

FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, THREAPALL'S EXPORT PALE ALE, and FINDLATER'S DUBLIN STOUT in Pints and Quarts.

Fine OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen.

Also,
SILLERY MOUSSEUX (VINO DE CHAMPAGNE), in Cases of 2 dozen. Pints and 1 dozen. Quarts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, £17 per 1 doz. Case.
Pints, £18 per 2 doz. "

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

Insurances.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

HONGKONG, January 4, 1887.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to Insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.
Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling).

Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.
Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

PRUSSIAN NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY, OF STETTIN.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to Grant Insurances against FIRE at Current Rates.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, May 10, 1881. 10my82

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE now a New and Large STOCK in the following Departments, viz.—HOUSEHOLD STORES.

CROCK & BLACKWELL, and MORE'S, HUNTLEY & PALMER'S, and AMERICAN BISCUITS and CRACKNELS, SCOTCH OAT CAKES, MACKENZIE'S ALBERT BISCUITS; NEW MUSCATEL RAISINS and JORDAN ALMONDS, ELVAS PLUMS, DESSERT FRUIT in Syrup, NOYAU and BLANDY, STILTON, GORGONZOLA, FINE APPLE and ALBERT CHEESE; NEW COSAQUES and CONFECTONERY.

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UMBRELLAS, TRAVELLING RUGS and CAPS, FELT and CORK HATS in New Shapes; WHITNEY and AMERICAN BLANKETS; OVERLAND, STEEL, and LADIES' DRESS TRUNKS, PORTMANTEAUX, VALISES, BOOT CASES, HAND BAGS, &c.

HORSE GEAR.—SADDLES, SPURS, STIRRUPS, COTTING, BRIDLES, HARNESS, WHIPS, &c.
TENNIS SETS and BALLS, TENNIS RATS in Single, Double, and TRIPLE GUT, by FELTHAM, JEFFRIES, and AYRES.
WHITAKER'S ALMANACS (to arrive ex Glenferry).

HONGKONG, February 7, 1882. mr7

Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Annual General Meeting of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, on FRIDAY, the 17th day of March current, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1881.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 17th Current, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

HONGKONG, March 1, 1882. mr17

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

ON and after the 1st Proximo, the Company's STEAMERS will run Monthly between AMOY, HONGKONG, and BATAVIA direct, taking Cargo at through rates for JAVA PORTS.

The STEAMERS will not for the present call at MACAO, MANILA or MACASSAR.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, March 1, 1882. ap1

WANTED.

COMPETENT SURGEONS for STEAMERS and SAILING SHIPS, hence to Victoria, Portland and San Francisco.

For Particulars, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, February 22, 1882.

WANTED.

Managing PARTNER for an Old Established WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANT'S BUSINESS, with AERATED WATER MANUFACTORY and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS combined.

For full Particulars, apply to "A. B. C."

c/o OFFICE OF THE PAPER.

HONGKONG, January 20, 1882.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON and after the 1st MARCH, 1882, the OFFICES of the MITSU RUSSAN KAISEI STEAMSHIP COMPANY will be REMOVED to the GROUND FLOOR of Messrs RUSSELL & Co.'s Premises, Praya Central.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Agent.

HONGKONG, February 23, 1882. mr9

WINDSOR HOUSE.

Nos. 18 and 19, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

THE above well-furnished HOTEL commands a fine view of the Harbour and is situated in a quiet and healthy neighbourhood.

Charges—From £2.50 to £4 per day. Porter to land and ship baggage.

SMITH, SWIFT & Co., Yokohama, Japan, Sept. 1881. mr12

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COAL MERCHANT.

33, WING HING LANE, HONGKONG.

KEEPS on hand for Sale all Kinds of STEAM COAL of the best quality, at moderate rates; also has always Powerful STEAM LAUNCHES for Hire at a reasonable Charge, either for special Purposes, Excursions, or Towing.

HONGKONG, January 13, 1882. jy13

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £100,000 "

Reserve Fund up to £120,000 "

Annual Income £250,000 "

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1882-83.

SEALED TENDERS, in Duplicate, will be received by the Undersigned, until Noon, on THURSDAY, the 16th Instant, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the Use of H. M. NAVY for the year 1882-83, viz.:

DISCOUNT, RAISINS,
SOFT BEER, RICE,
FRESH BEER, SUGAR,
FRESH VEGETABLES, TEA.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further Particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office.

The right to reject the lowest, or any Tender is reserved.

E. B. JOREY, Naval Storekeeper.

HONGKONG, 3rd March, 1882. mr16

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 4 per cent. being 88 pence per SHARE, for the Six Months ending 31st December last, declared at To-day's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting, will be Payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION from TO-MORROW, the 2nd Inst., and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Offices, No. 14, Praya Central, Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE, Acting Secretary.

HONGKONG, March 1, 1882. mr8

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of BUSINESS Contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1881, on or before March 31st, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE, Acting Secretary.

HONGKONG, March 1, 1882. ap1

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Spanish Steamer "Gravina," Captain ECHAVARRIA, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 11th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, March 4, 1882. mr11

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Camopus, Captain JOY, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to YOKOHAMA, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-MORROW, the 2nd Instant.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 11th Inst., or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, March 1, 1882. mr8

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

BRITISH BARK "ENDYMION," FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, February 20, 1882.

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP "ARRATOON APOAR," Captain A. B. MACFARLANE.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding her discharge or remaining on board after the 8th Instant, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees are hereby informed that any Claims must be made immediately, as none will be entertained after the 12th Instant.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, March 4, 1882. mr11

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. Money having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

HONGKONG, March 3, 1882. mr10

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery: This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

Ex Yangtze.

C R, No. 9, 1 case Flour, Order, from Marselles.

Ex Andager.

A H H (in cross), No. 17, 1 case Hates, Order, from London.

Ex Inavagally.

200 (in dia.), No. 208/97=30 cases Vermouth, Order, from Marselles.

Ex Pelito.

G S C (in dia.), 31/40=10 cases Vermouth, Order, from Marselles.

Ex Sinch.

G S C (in dia.), 46/60=15 cases Vermouth, Order, from Marselles.

C R, 10/11=2 cases Milk, Order, from Marselles.

G DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

HONGKONG, February 21, 1882.

Shipping.

Steamers.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

(Per E. A. & C. Telegraph Co.'s Line.)

ATTEMPT TO SHOOT QUEEN VICTORIA.

LONDON, March 3.

The Queen has been shot at, escaped unhurt. The assassin was arrested, and proved to be a London clerk.

BRADLAUGH RE-ELECTED.

LONDON, March 3.

Bradlaugh has been re-elected.

CHINA AND THE OPIUM QUESTION.

LONDON, March 4.

The Daily News publishes a paragraph stating that the Chinese Government has made important proposals for the settlement of the Opium Question.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE NEXT FRENCH MAIL, bringing London dates to the 3rd Feb., may be expected to arrive on or about the 14th inst.

THURSDAY, the 23rd inst., has been fixed as the day for the Athletic Sports.

TELEGRAMS for Bangkok on a forward by mails closing at Singapore at 4 p.m. to-morrow, and 11 a.m. on the 8th inst.

ON Sunday morning the *Caracas* (14 guns) arrived in harbour and exchanged the usual salutes.

Mr João Maria da Silva, Jr., has been provisionally appointed fourth clerk at the Magistracy.

It is notified in the Gazette that Mr Edward James Ackroyd has assumed the duties of Registrar of the Supreme Court.

THE Overland issue of this paper, published every fortnight, may be mailed to any address forwarded to this Office.

THE Prince Heinrich came out of dock at Aberdeen to-day, and the *Zeus* was docked there.

Mr Archibald Baird having returned to the Colony has resumed his duties as first light-house keeper, Harbour Master's Department.

Dr C. J. Wherry, Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, has been granted by the Earl of Kimberley an extension of five months' leave, on half salary, commencing on the 30th April next.

THE return of the 11th February, giving the names of the twenty largest rate-payers in the Colony, has been cancelled, and a new and revised one substituted, which shows a rather different result from that first given.

THE Verne Italian Opera Company, from Shanghai, have arrived here, and announce their intention of giving a series of six operas in the Theatre Royal, City Hall. The list is a strong one, and good houses should be obtained.

CAPTAIN Dunn, passenger by the *Cathay*, and late master of the *Tung-tung*, goes home to bring out a new steamer for the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company. Twenty seven Chinese sailors, who accompany the Captain, are to form the crew of the vessel.

FROM a Stamp return published in the *Gazette*, we notice that there has been an increase of revenue during the past month over February of last year of \$3,104.72; and on the two months of the past year over the corresponding period of last year there is an increase of \$5,863.99.

FROM the native papers we learn that on Saturday the Tung Wah Hospital Committee received the following telegram from the Chinese Commercial Club at San Francisco:—"Great excitement against so many Chinese coming here; you must stop them or great trouble for us."

THERE is contained in the *Gazette* of Saturday an interesting paper, with tables attached, from Major Palmer, detailing his endeavours to find the exact latitude of the place where the proposed Observatory is to be erected. Much time and labour has been expended by Major Palmer on his task. He has determined the latitude to be 22 deg. 18 min. 11.91 sec.

A DESPATCH from the Earl of Kimberley, enclosing one to the Governor of New South Wales, to Sir John Pope Hennessy, regarding the alleged ill-treatment of the Chinese passengers on board the *Steamship Ocean*, is published in the *Gazette*. From the enclosure it would appear that, in the Governor's opinion, "it is particularly unfair to speak of an epidemic of small-pox as being possible in Hongkong, as, in fact, the Chinese of Hongkong at their own expense, maintain the only real system of vaccination that exists in the Colony."

We are informed that the next French mail steamer left Singapore for this port, via Saigon, at 6 o'clock this (Monday) morning. In this connection we may observe that it is now believed that the Hon. W. H. Marsh could not have been in time to meet the French mail reported above, on board of which is the Hon. O. Philippo, as the French steamer was timed to leave Suva on the same day (18th Feb.) as Mr Marsh was expected to leave Suva. The Colonial Secretary will therefore arrive here a few days after the Chief Justice.

On two occasions yesterday the fire-bell at the Central Station rang—the first time about half-past ten in the morning, and afterwards about seven in the evening. On both occasions the cause was of a trivial character: The

first alarm arose through a chimney in Gage Street catching fire, which was soon extinguished; and the second was caused by the upsetting of a kerosene lamp in a house in Peel Street, from which the occupants rushed out in a frightened state. The accident was noticed by some Europeans who happened to be passing, and by their efforts the flames were soon put out. Had it not been for their presence, the fire might have developed into something serious.

A SHOOTING affray of a desperate character took place yesterday evening at a public house, "The Land we Live in," in Queen's Road West, one result of which was that John Williams, steward on board the American ship *Blue Jacket*, was seriously wounded in the head by a bullet. From the evidence taken at the Police Court to-day it appears there has been "bad blood" between Frederick Moller and John Power, seamen, on the one side, and the wounded man and the cook, William Ross, on the other, and that the two seamen have threatened that if the cook and steward went with the ship they would "fix them." Yesterday evening these threats culminated in a fight between the steward and the two seamen. The bar keepers say the men were not drunk, although one admits that Moller was slightly the worse of liquor. The three got turned out, but the steward returned inside, when Moller drew a revolver and fired, but missed; the second shot, fired at a distance of about a foot and a half, took effect on the forehead of the steward, who fell insensible. Moller then fired the other chambers of his revolver promiscuously about the room. The proprietor, Mr Kirchmann, and one of the barmen hung on to him until the police came. The man Power assisted Moller in making a desperate resistance, and it was with great difficulty they were secured. The wounded man was removed to the hospital where his wound, which is a rather severe one, was dressed. It was indeed fortunate for him that the bullet deflected off the bone, otherwise he must have been killed on the spot. The two men were brought before the Magistracy to-day, and remanded till Saturday.

A SUDDEN and melancholy death occurred on board the Troopship *Tyne*, on her run down from Hongkong. Captain Steward (late Sergeant Major) Calvert, who, when the vessel left Hongkong on the 18th inst., was apparently in the ordinary health, died on the 21st, (the vessel three days out), and was buried at sea the same night. Mr Calvert, who was 41 years of age, served his full term of 21 years in the Regiment and rose to the position of Sergeant Major, being appointed some three years ago, after he had been pensioned off as Sergeant Major, to the responsible position of Captain Steward. (Singapore Times.)

THE ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.
The first ordinary annual meeting of the Ice Company was held at the offices to-day. There were present:—The Hon. F. B. Johnson (Chairman), and Messrs Jackson, Macgregor, W. N. Bain, G. C. Cox, J. D. Hutchison, Arnold, Coxon, H. Smith, and I. P. Madar.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, I shall not detain you long. I have only to say that the works are in good order, and the business going on satisfactorily as we could wish it to be. If any gentleman has any questions to ask, we shall be happy to answer them.

No questions were asked, and the Chairman moved that the report and accounts as printed be passed. Mr Jackson seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried. Mr Macgregor moved that Mr Thomas Arnold be appointed auditor for the current year; Mr Smith seconded, and the appointment was confirmed.

The Chairman intimated that the dividend warrants would be issued to-morrow.

THE CHINESE BANQUET.

[CONTINUED.]

Having been disappointed in our expectation of perusing a revised edition of Sir John Pope Hennessy's speech, in the local Government Gazette, we lose no time in dealing with the published version of His Excellency's farewell address.

From what we have already ascertained, the incorrectness of designating Labuan a Chinese Colony—practically or otherwise—will be apparent. No one will, we anticipate, be at a loss to understand the

reasons which prompted His Excellency to convert and utilize our small Bornean Settlement for the purpose it is made to serve upon this occasion. The alleged indifference to Celestial advice is quite a new thing, and the publishing of a first assumption as the result of his rule the growth of this Colony in prosperity, and next ascribing that successful achievement—once again to advice received from the Chinese community! No one who understands Governor Hennessy can believe that he was serious in these utterances, or that they were dictated by conviction. The impression left upon the minds of those who know differently is, that Sir John was only amusing his audience by imposing upon the immense credulity of an Asiatic assemblage. Veneration for constituted authority is inherent in the Chinaman; and, implicitly receiving all that falls from one whom he conceives to be the "centre of all power in the land," the possibility of doubt or scepticism on his part is entirely out of the question. The Governor absolutely ignores the assistance—at least his words imply as much, and they are very plain—has been received during his tenure of office in matters pertaining to the welfare of the Colony, from the European community. He has, doubtless, appreciated at their proper worth, the services of those who may have aided and abetted his selfish, one-sided policy; while his well-known principles have always precluded the expectation of recognition for others whose really valuable services have deserved better at the hands of the State. To what, we have a right to demand of His Excellency, can the gradual growth and prosperity of the Colony, during the thirty-six years' British Rule, which preceded his regime, be attributed? What was Hongkong before

European settlement on the island? Where would the Tropic of Cancer be in the advancement of it? It was not for the foreign element whose advice and services in this Colony, Governor Hennessy holds in such comparatively poor estimation? The Chinese themselves give the rejoinders all embodied in the Imperial Maritime Customs Service. But Chinese proverbial testimony borne against the moral inferiority and poorer capability of those to whom, according to Sir John Pope Hennessy, this Colony owes so much—the Chinese! Comparisons are odious, and none more so than those which deal with national characteristics. These invidious distinctions, it will be remembered, emanated from a speech, which was specially selected for a certain definite purpose. They are the "ways and means" adopted by those concerned in furthering the end that was intended to be accomplished by the entertainment, and it is the object of this article to show that, receive our strictures for coming under legitimate comment. Homer evidently notes when he speaks of that portion of the Chinese race domiciled in Hongkong, when he calls his entertainers Anglo-Chinese! They have no more right to be thus designated, than the Englishman who is called "Anglo-Indian," or the Madrasese an "Indo-European." However, to proceed. His Excellency forgot to remind his hearers, in the "noble hall" of the Tung Wah Hospital, that which Mr Tommochy had subsequently to make known,—to render tardy justice to the fact that Macdonnell's administration, under the auspices of which the Institution in question was inaugurated in the Colony. The general tenor of Governor Hennessy's assertions implies that nothing had been done before his time,—that the institution of useful legislation, social reform, and public benevolence had devolved upon himself. He manoeuvres very skilfully—never commits himself; the intention, however, is palpable, while the language in which it is conveyed is altogether unobjectionable. But moral reflections aside, we find the Chinese of Hongkong receiving *kudos* for doing their duty to their parent race and common country, which the advantages of British rule afforded them the means of doing in the "China Famille." "Reciprocity" in international aid on the occurrence of great public calamities is, surely, no novelty; and, during the recent Irish Famine, there was nothing remarkable in the assistance rendered by the Chinese, in conjunction with the English, to the relief of Hongkong, except that the distinction made by the former, by a special contribution for "Cork," throws reasonable doubt upon the disinterested feelings which thus prompted celestial munificence. Viewed apart, *prima facie*, disinterested people might be led to believe that Sir John was minding himself, by giving his glowing account, and by implying, to the Chinese grant-in-aid for his own country. 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